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RANKIN (79778), UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1971

Waitress Confined to Hospital in Shock --

Rankin Cafe Robbed, One Dead in Shoot-Out

Rankin was the scene of a wild robbery and abduction in the early hours of Wednesday morning that eventually resulted in one person being hospitalized and another dead.

Killed in an apparent shoot-out with officers was Richard W. Hargrove, 23, a delivery man for a San Angelo bakery. Hargrove had been living at a McCamey motel for the past several weeks. His wife is listed as living in San Angelo.

At approximately 1:00 a.m. Hargrove entered the Tumbleweed Drive-Inn in Rankin to make his usual deliveries. He first is reported to have gone into the rest room, located in the kitchen area of the cafe. Upon emerging, he had a gun in his hand and is reported to have ordered Annie Mae Hill, a cook, to call the waitress, Mary Reed, into the kitchen.

Mrs. Hill did as ordered and when Miss Reed came into the kitchen, Hargrove reportedly told her to remove the money from the cash register and said, "I'm not joking. I've been this route before."

After getting the money, about

\$43, he ordered Mrs. Hill and customer, John Watson, to get into Watson's car and start driving toward McCamey. He then abducted Miss Reed, forcing her to get into the delivery truck with him, and they, too started west toward McCamey.

As Watson and Mrs. Hill reached the Mule Train, some three miles west of Rankin, Mrs. Hill got out of the car and contacted J. C. Carrol, operator of the Mule Train, who returned her to Rankin in his car and she called Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols. Meanwhile, Watson turned off Highway 67 and drove to Iraan, apparently passing Hargrove and Miss Reed along the way. Upon reaching Iraan, Watson notified law officers there and he and two officers started back toward Rankin—keeping in contact with Eckols by radio. On this side of the Pecos River, they met the delivery truck and stopped it. One of the officers approached on the drivers side and attempted to open the door but it was locked. At about this point, it is reported that what was believed to be a shot was heard from within the truck, and, refusing to get out, Hargrove sped away toward Iraan. The officers fired several shots at

the speeding vehicle.

In Iraan, another group of officers again attempted to stop the truck but the driver sped on and the vehicle was again fired on. Taking Highway 349 toward Sheffield, Hargrove continued on to the intersection of 349 and 290 where still another road block was set up—including a large truck used to partially block the roads. Hargrove managed to get by this road block, again taking fire from officers, turned west on 290 and headed toward Ft. Stockton.

About three miles down 290, the pursuing officer again overtook the truck and managed to shoot out the back tires. Hargrove lost control of the vehicle and it turned over. Officers approached and found it laying on the drivers side. They removed Miss Reed who had been struck on the head, presumably by Hargrove.

Hargrove was then assisted from the overturned vehicle and as he came out he had the gun in his right hand. Standing nearby was a highway patrolman from Ozona who had joined in the chase. He had a flashlight in one hand and a shotgun in the other. Hargrove is reported to have grabbed the shotgun and jerked it toward him. The firearm discharged and he was killed instantly.

Miss Reed was taken to the Iraan Hospital where she is confined and described as being in a state of shock. She has yet to

make a detailed statement to officers.

Investigation into the affair was continuing Wednesday under the direction of local officers, the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers.

Now There's a Real Good (Easter) Egg

Most of us, when we went out last Sunday in search of Easter eggs, were pretty well satisfied to fill our baskets with just about any kind of old egg. Not so, Scott Sides.

Scott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sides of Rankin, was in Abilene Easter where he participated in an Easter egg hunt sponsored by a bakery firm that offered a bit more than the usual assortment of colored eggs. In fact, one egg was worth \$500, another \$100 and another \$50. Scott found the \$100 egg.

Now that's what you call "filling your basket".

Young Sides, who is 7 years old and a First Grader in Rankin Elementary, promptly deposited his \$100 in a savings account as a "nest egg" for his future college education.

Hospital Auxiliary has Annual Meet; Officers Elected

Rankin Hospital Auxiliary held their annual meeting recently in the conference room at the Rankin County Hospital with eight members present. It was reported that a total of 103 hours was spent by the women in volunteer work at the hospital and 100½ hours spent by the Candy Strippers.

Still another report showed a total of \$481.50 was added to the scholarship fund from memorial donations during the past year.

In a vote by the organization, the purchase of a hair dryer for use by hospital patients was approved.

In other matters, new officers for the coming year were elected and committees appointed. They include the following:

President, Nell Blye; vice-president, Sybil Browning; secretary and reporter, Alma Adams; and

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Important Dates Face Rankin Units

A number of important dates are near at hand for various organizations in Rankin Schools as they get down to the nitty-gritty of final district competition.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Sam Knepley from Lamesa was in Rankin to direct a band clinic for members of the Red Devil High School Band as they prepare for their UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest. This will be held in Odessa next Tuesday, April 20 with Rankin scheduled to perform at 10:55 a.m.

On Wednesday, April 14, the RHS and Junior High Girls Track teams were in Wink for their District Meet. Girls track does not compete in the same district make-up as does the boys.

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Workman Appointed Representative- on Joins Planning Commission

County Commissioners' in regular session last and attended to several including approval of payments, etc. Among taken was the unanimity of the body for Upton join the Permian Basin Planning Commission.

resolution ratifying and the membership reads AS, this governing body more declared its intention to become a member of and in the PBRPC; and

AS, at an organizational at Rankin. March a representative of this unit was becoming a of said Commission . . . AS, this governing body be in the public interest and confirm such ac-

herefore, be it resolved

by Commissioners Court of Upton County that the joinder of this governmental unit as a member of the PBRPC is hereby in all things ratified and confirmed.

The court further voted and appointed Commissioner Tommy Workman as their representative to the organization.

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, which has been in the planning stages for some time, is to be composed of an area including Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gains, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler Counties.

Eligible for membership in the PBRPC are governing bodies in this area such as the county, any school, city or hospital district. Generally, the aim of the organization is to consolidate area planning in an effort to make better use of—for example — federal

aid programs that might be available. It is felt that with an overall plan, the groups involved would be more likely to succeed than would be the case with each of the governing bodies acting independently.

Annual dues are to be 5-cents per capita as determined by the last preceding census or the sum of \$100, whichever is greater. Two regular meetings are to be held each year—in January and July—with special meetings as determined by the chairman or on petition of 25 percent of the total number of representatives.

Each unit affiliating with the Commission shall have one representative, appointed by the unit's governing body, and each representative shall have one vote.

This portion of the by-laws of the Commission—one vote per representative—has already caused a possible split in the group, according to a report in the Odes-

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GAY SCOTT

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Pr., Editor

WHO NEEDS IT—

After considerable thought given to the matter, Sug Boggs and I have decided that in the modern day world there is no longer any need for Monday. We plan to propose that there be two Sundays and that we start each week on Tuesday—thus avoiding what is commonly known as blue Monday.

Naturally, having two Sundays is going to throw something of a strain on all the preachers, but, as we all know, preachers—like weekly newspaper editors—only work one day a week as it now stands.

And as noted above, this is far from an off-the-cuff decision on our part. We figure that if they can change the time of day by one hour, there's no reason they can't change the week by one day. After all, who needs Monday? What's Monday really good

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for—it's not payday, it's not a day you would go fishing—it's not a good day for a date—if you are of that age. Just exactly why did they decide to have Mondays anyhow?

So here's what we propose: we write to the boys down in Austin and see if we can get a law passed—that's the way you do (Continued to Next Page)

Where's Everybody—



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Golden Ripe BANANAS	lb. 10c	12-oz. jar Heinz SWEET RELISH	
Choice MEATS		Rotex Tomatoes & Green Peppers	2 for
Fresh FRYERS	LB. 32c	303 Ranch Style BLACKEYED PEAS	2 for
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		2-lb. bag Tater Boy FRENCH FRIES	

BOGGS GROCERY A

MARKET

WE GIVE GOLD BOND STAMPS

DOUBLE STAMPS ON WE

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hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for
hful that promised;) And let us consider one another to
nte love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembl-
rveselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhort-
another: and so much the more, as ye see the day ap-
—Hebrews 10:23-25

The Rankin News—dated Friday,
June 27, 1947. The entire front
page was devoted to pictures and
stories of what is known to old
timers as the Rankin flood. Here
is a portion of the news item.

A major portion of South Up-
ton County was flooded by torren-
tial rains late Monday afternoon
and on into the night. The rains
varied from a recorded four in-
ches in McCamey to more than
an estimated ten inches in the
Rankin area.

About midnight, a west bound
freight train was derailed at the
Flat Rock Draw four miles east
of Rankin, with three of the
freight cars toppling over the
bridge. The accident occurred
after the flood waters had eaten
away the earth support under the
tracks. The engine and six cars
had passed over the fatal spot
safely before the track gave way.
The only loss besides the ruined
freight cars was the load of ice
they were carrying to Presidio.
The remainder of the freight cars
were empty . . .

In addition to the loss incurred
in the train accident, the Santa
Fe Railroad will have to be re-
made in more than a dozen places
where the water washed away
the earth support, leaving the
tracks dangling in mid-air. In 7
places within a ten-mile stretch,
the earth has been eaten away
entirely . . .

While this was happening, Ran-



kin found itself in the midst of a
flash flood in the south section of
town. Three volunteer firemen
narrowly escaped drowning in the
early hours of Tuesday morning
when they were attempting to
rescue the F. W. Welling fam-
ily. The boat in which they start-
ed the rescue capsized, and the
three men found the mesquite
trees in the draw were life sav-
ers as they clung to the tops un-
til their rescue some three hours
later. The man, Bob Schlögal, C.
G. Taylor and Henderson Scar-
borough, were all treated for
shock and exposure, but seemed
none the worse for their trying
experience.

The F. S. Smiths, who live on
one of the draws two miles east
of Rankin, were driven from their
home about midnight when the
flood waters reached a depth of
four feet in their home. Smith
said they fled from the house
shortly after midnight and spent
the remainder of the night with
the I. C. Elliott family.

Two of the flooded draws made
the highway between Rankin and
Big Lake impassable, while many
of the motorists coming from Mc-
Camey had to turn back for fear
of the flood waters between Ran-
kin and McCamey.

Lightening struck a boulder on
the Rankin-Big Lake highway and
covered the highway with shat-
tered rock for many feet. The
highway department was clearing
the highway Tuesday and remov-
ing the hazards.

It was announced Tuesday that
passenger and mail service would
be altered to meet the situation
by Santa Fe officials. Mail com-
ing west will be carried as far
as Flat Rock Crossing and will
be transferred on to an awaiting
train at the Rankin-Iraan road
junction . . .

While Rankin was fighting the
flood waters, the people of Mc-
Camey watched the rolling black
cloud with anxiety just preceding
the heavy rain Monday afternoon.
Many people went to storm cel-
lars in fear of a tornado, or ex-
tremely high winds.

And so the story ends. But not
it's retelling for it has been re-
peated many times since that day
in June, 1947. Rain we don't have
at this time. On the other hand,
we are not bothered much with
floods and hardly anyone has to
go to the storm celler.

There's a bright side even to a
dark side.

BY W. M. (DUB) DAY
County Agent, Upton County



KOUNTY AGENT'S KORNER



A good set of peaches or plums
from the trees which are now in
full bloom is not a certainty. In-
sects can damage the fruit or
even wipe out the crop if not con-
trolled.

Insect control on fruit trees is
largely a preventive program.
Once the insects begin to cause
damage, little can be done to rid
the fruit of the pests and prevent
further damage. Most of the com-
mon fruit damaging insects begin
their activity and reproduction
during the first 30-45 days after
the trees begin to bloom.

Therefore, insecticides applied
during this early period will con-
trol the insects which damage the
fruit later in the season.

Homeowners with a few trees
are advised to follow a preven-
tive spray program. Malathion,
either in the wettable powder or
emulsible concentrate forms, are
effective. They are not hazard-
ous when used as directed and
will not leave a residue.

Four spray applications are
recommended, times to coincide
with bloom and fruit formation.
The first or petal fall spray is to
be applied when about three-
fourths of the blossom petals
have fallen. The second or shuck
about 10 days. The third or cover
spray should follow the second
spray in 10 to 14 days and the
fourth or second cover spray is
to follow the third application in
14 to 21 days.

Should later infestations become
damaging, a spray containing car-
baryl (Sevin) will give good con-
trol. It can be easily used on
peaches and plums up to the day
before harvest.

Other details on fruit spray and
schedules are available from my
office.

LAWN CARE—

Go od management, including
fertilizing, mowing and watering,
will be even more important in

the weeks ahead so far as the
home lawn is concerned. Under
the current weather conditions,
low moisture and climbing temp-
eratures, the job ahead could be
a real toughy.

Turf requires adequate amount-
s of plant food if it is to stay
green and maintain growth under
drought conditions. Water re-
quirements necessarily will have
to be increased to take care of
the lack of rainfall. And, under-
watering should be avoided if at
all possible. Soak the soil to a
depth of several inches at each
watering; thus maintaining good
turf. In the long run, the amount
of water used will be no more
and may be less than when light
sprinkling of the lawn is practic-
ed.

Lawns should receive an ap-
plication of a compete fertilizer
in the spring about the time the
growth begins and another in the
fall a month ahead of the first
frost. During the summer, an ap-
plication of nitrogen every 30 to
40 days will keep the lawn green
and growing and the ground cov-
ered. Ground cover is important
during periods of high tempera-
tures.

Nitrogen is the key element in
turf production. It produces ve-
getative growth and gives the
plant a deep green color. Phosph-
orus stimulated development of
a good root system and potassi-
um affects the physiological pro-
cesses of the plant.

A deficiency of nitrogen causes
stunted plant growth and the
condition often referred to as
firing. Slow growth results from
the lack of phosphorus and a
shortage of potassium causes the
entire plant to dry up and take
on a brownish color.

The lack of water can cause
many of the same symptoms and
when coupled with deficient plant
nutrients, the stand of lawn grass
may be lost. Mowing too short is
advised against. A longer turf is
insulation against heat and gives
protection against possible dam-
age from the sun.

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REPORT

from Austin

by
GEORGE BAKER
Representative, 66th District
Home Address: Ft. Stockton

This week produced limited progress on major bills, with adjournment a day early for the Easter week-end, and with two days taken up with debate of the Nugent ethics bill. I voted for the bill, and for a few of the amendments which I felt were needed to clarify or strengthen portions of the bill.

It is a complicated piece of legislation, and no doubt will meet substantial change when it reaches the Senate. The resulting conference committee re-draft, if it clears the houses during the session, likely will be quite different.

It will not be a perfect bill — few measures are. It will, I think, help to clarify some areas of con-

cern to both the public official, including legislators, and the public. Time, and the intent of people concerned, will write the final chapter in this story of legislative activity.

So much concern has been expressed by residents from all parts of the 66th district concerning the proposed new Penal Code that it seems timely to conclude this week's letter with major points from a statement issued this week by Rep. Jim Nugent, one of the authors, and a co-chairman of a joint House-Senate committee studying revisions.

The matter of major interest is that controversial Chapter 9 and 46, dealing respectively with forcible defense of property and with the right to carry firearms under certain conditions, have both been dropped from the code. The law in that area remains exactly as it is now, if the rest of the code is adopted.

I, and many other members, conveyed the expressions of concerned citizens to members of the committee regarding their opposition to Chapters 9 and 46, and this undoubtedly added to the ex-

pression of opposition which led to the decision to drop these sections. The other major revisions cited by Rep. Nugent are summarized as follows:

The subcommittees recommended restoring the jury sentencing option of the present law, which permits the defendant to elect whether the court or jury will assess his punishment, with the jury assessing the maximum punishment and the court assessing the minimum when the defendant elects jury sentencing.

The minimum sentence assessed (and a minimum must always be assessed when the jury assesses a maximum) controls parole eligibility, and the subcommittee recommended that good time credit not reduce the minimum. (For example, if a defendant is sentenced to a 3-year minimum, he would serve the full 36 calendar months before becoming eligible for parole.) The subcommittee also recommended eliminating the ordinary fine penalty for felonies, thus avoiding the highly unlikely but nevertheless possible \$1 fine sentence for a serious felony.

A habitual misdemeanant category will be added to the code bill, if the subcommittee's recommendation is followed, so that a defendant with two or more prior convictions of a jailable misdemeanor could be sentenced to up to 6 years in the penitentiary.

Finally, the subcommittees recommended increasing the penalties for certain offenses, including:

—Trafficking in dangerous drugs such as heroin, LSD, and the amphetamines, from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony

which authorizes up to life imprisonment.

—Forcible rape and sexual abuse, from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony (aggravated rape and sexual abuse are capital felonies in the proposed code).

—Theft under \$5 from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor, which authorizes up to 3 months in jail and/or a \$500 fine; theft of property worth more than \$5 but less than \$250 would be a Class A misdemeanor authorizing up to a year in jail and or a \$1,000 fine.

—Robbery from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony (aggravated robbery — robbery causing serious bodily injury or committed with a firearm—is a capital felony in the proposed code).

—Distributing harmful (obscene) materials to minors, from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class A mis-

—Fondling a child, from a third degree felony to a second-degree felony, which authorizes up to 12 years in the penitentiary.

The subcommittee recommended restoring the travelers' defense of present law, and excluding rifles and shotguns, whether loaded or not, from the proposed code's unlawful weapon possession offense. Possession of pistols, knives longer than 5½ inches, blackjacks, brass knuckles, etc., would still be unlawful, however, subject to the possessor's fitting within one of the defenses, as is the case under present law, authorizing possession on one's own residential or business premises.

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while hunting, shooting, etc.

Peace officers ed in drawing make an arres- violent crime tee's recommen- by the legisla- anyone would threatening or to protect their is no other res- so.

The proposed deadly force to arson, and cer- crimes that de- ence to the pe- committee be- violence direct- ty likewise just- when there is f compe- prevent it.

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MAY I SEE YOU PLEASE!

IT'S NO SECRET



Deficiency of Vitamin C will make for deterioration in one's physical systems and make him susceptible to colds, flu, etc. Deficiency of "C"hris in one's life will also make for one's spiritual deterioration: (I John 5:12)

Why not come and meet with the Great Physician and hear Him prescribe the balm which heals our lives. Get your prescribed daily dosage (Luke 9:23) at our — —

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With Owen Cosgrove, Evangelist

APRIL 25 - 30

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 score, but rather a census of the
 world's telephones for 1969. Pit-
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 number of telephones on record.

"By contrast, Rankin recorded
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 our own life but also the lives of
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 nor do their consequences. There-
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 ber — Thoughts, unexpressed
 may sometimes fall back dead.
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 once they are said!

all the telephones in the country
 of Portuguese Timor," said John
 Zittle, manager for Southwestern
 Bell Telephone Company.

Whether a tiny South Pacific
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 telephone growth in the world.

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 phones." They are the most re-
 cent statistics available since it
 takes about a year to collect in-
 formation from all countries in
 the world.

According to the booklet, the
 United States leads all countries
 with 114,798,000 telephones. Run-
 ners up are Japan and the Unit-
 ed Kingdom, with 23,131,688 and
 13,947,000 respectively.

"We Americans have set another
 record—that of being the chat-
 tiest nation in the world," said
 Zittle. "Each man, woman and
 child in America carried on an
 average of 745 telephone conver-
 sations during the year which is
 more than the combined average
 of our counterparts in Mexico,
 Brazil, Chile, Greece and the Un-
 ited Kingdom," he said.

Zittle pointed out that even
 though countries like Greece, Bra-
 zil, Hong Kong and Korea lag
 behind the U. S. in total tele-
 phones, their telephone growth
 rate is more than double the 7.3
 per cent world average.

"It will be a long while before
 they equal telephone concentra-
 tions in the U. S. which is one
 phone for every two people," he
 said.

To dramatize his point, Zittle
 compared Texas with its 4,809,702
 to Sweden which has 4,306,905
 telephones.

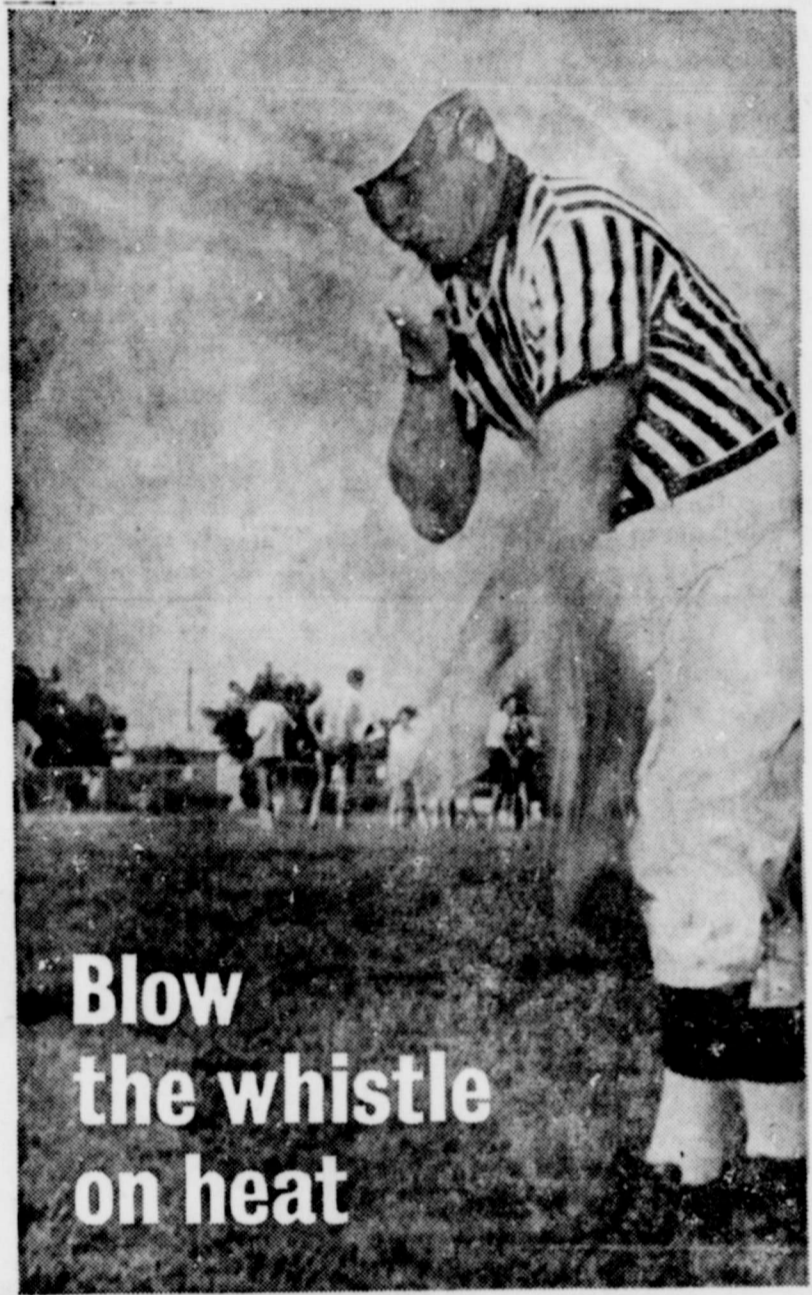
"With the other four states of
 Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and
 Missouri served by Southwestern

Bell, the total company phones at
 the end of 1969 surpassed the
 number in Canada. Southwestern
 Bell had 10,011,433 phones com-
 pared to Canada's 9,302,828," he
 noted.

Zittle offered one final note for
 the record. In the past 50 years
 the world's population has nearly
 doubled while telephone growth
 has increased twelve-fold.

"If you think progress is shr-
 inking the world, you're right,
 and if you'd like to go back to
 the good old days, try Volta, Af-
 rica—there's only three telepho-
 nes for each 10,000 persons," he
 said.

By these standards, even Pit-
 cairn Island looks progressive
 with one phone for every five
 people.



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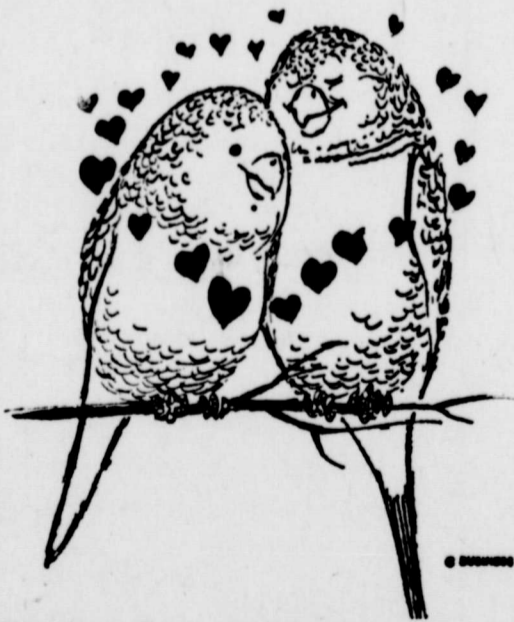
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RANKIN, TEXAS

WTU Manager at Training School

Burl Pringle, West Texas Utilities Co. local manager in Rankin, is in San Angelo this week attending a WTU appliance service training school.

The purpose of the school is to aid the local manager in keeping current in appliance repair techniques and to assist servicemen in maintaining quality appliance repair for customers.

During the appliance service training school, the local managers will disassemble each appliance and then reassemble it piece-by-piece, restoring it to perfect operating condition. During the week, they work on washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers.

Instructors at the schools are WTU personnel from the Service Training Department in Abilene and Frigidaire Regional Service Representatives from Ft. Worth.

Henry-Meredith Wedding Read at First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Rankin was the setting Friday evening, April 9, for the wedding of Debra Gail Henry to Gary Lynn Meredith. Rev. J. C. Tankersley, pastor, officiated at the ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henry are the parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Meredith are the parents of the bridegroom. All are of Rankin.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Pauline Cormier. Honor attendants were Mrs. Mike Eckols and Mr. Frank Herrington, Jr.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal Empire waist gown of white lace featuring full sleeves.

The reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Covill in Rankin.

Rankin Second in One-Act Play

(From the Van Horn Advocate)

ALPINE, Tex.—Van Horn High School's production of "Becket" won first place in the University Interscholastic League's District 6-A one-act play contest at Sul Ross State University Thursday (April 1) afternoon.

The play, directed by Robert Bowers, will compete in the UIL Region I competition April 24 at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Second place went to "The Cradle Song," production of Rankin High School.

The Best Actor award went to Bob Rouke, Van Horn High, for his interpretation of King Henry II in "Becket."

The Best Actress award was

Following a short trip, the couple will make their home in Rankin where Mr. Meredith is employed by Halliburton Services.

presented to Pam Rutland, Rankin High, for her role, Teresa, in "The Cradle Song."

Named on the All-Star Cast were Lou Browning and Lee Ora Herrington, Rankin; Perry Floyd, Van Horn; and Travis Kirchner, Nancy Syner and Mike Quinn of Clint.

Earlene Pike of Clint was contest director. Judge was E. C. McCarty, chairman of the speech and drama department at Sul Ross.

Mrs. Binkley Hosts Omicron Tau Meet; Officers Elected

Mrs. Jean Binkley was hostess to the Omicron Tau of Beta Sigma Phi in her home April 12.

Members voted by secret ballot for "Girl of the Year", results of which will be revealed at the annual Founder's Day Banquet, set for April 30.

The Rankin (Tex) Thursday, April

Secret sisters will meet at the next meeting on April 26.

New officers were elected and are to take office. These include the following:

President, Mrs. Kay

Vice-President, Mrs.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ice Hyatt;

Treasurer, Mrs. Kay

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jean Binkley;

Extension Officer, Mrs. Kelley.

Refreshments were served to fourteen members. Mrs. Binkley won the door prize.

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Rankin Schools --

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Today, Thursday, the Red Devil track team will be in Van Horn for their district meet. Expected to be a touch and go affair with stiff competition from Sanderson and Van Horn, Rankin rates a slight favorite's edge in the affair.

The Red Devils finished second to Eldorado in the big Monahans meet last week and have won four events this year.

On Saturday, the District UIL Literary Meet will be held in

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 19-23

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Hot Biscuits, Sausage, Hash
Brown Potatoes, Honey
Orange Juice

TUESDAY

Hot Cinnamon Rolls, Cold
Cereal, Half Orange

WEDNESDAY

Hot Biscuits, Honey, Rice or
Oatmeal, Apricots

THURSDAY

Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Half
Apple

FRIDAY

Buttered Toast, Bacon, Scrambled
Eggs, Honey, Apple Sauce
Fresh Milk and Butter served
with each meal

LUNCH

MONDAY

Tossed Salad, Corn Dog, French
Fries, Beans, Light Bread,
Apple Cobbler

TUESDAY

Celery Sticks, Chicken Fried
Steak, Cream Gravy, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot
Rolls, Apple Sauce or
Prunes

WEDNESDAY

Cherry Peppers, Enchiladas, Pinto
Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers,
Corn Bread, Apricots

THURSDAY

Gelatine Salad, Hamburgers,
Potato Chips, Beans, Ice Box
Cookies

FRIDAY

Celery Sticks, Hot Dogs, Corn
Chips, Rice Crispie Cookies
Fresh Milk and Butter served
with each meal.

The Lonely Heart



Sanderson, Rankin will enter a number of events and competition is expected to be strong in all departments.

Already qualified for regional competition is the RHS golfers. Last Thursday, with a make-up team of Sullivan, Gray, Green and Hutchens, the golfers entered the Iraan tournament and had a reasonably good day. Sullivan had a 78, Hutchens, an 82, Gray, an 86 and Green, a 95. They finished ahead of a number of teams including some in AA.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Danny Dykes, Iraan, admitted April 12.

Baby Boy Dykes, born April 12.
Reagan Hill, Rankin, admitted April 10.

Mrs. W. G. Day, Big Lake, admitted April 6.

Mrs. Gertrude Stephens, McCamey, admitted March 16.

Mrs. Claud Chambers, McCamey, admitted April 13.

J. T. Abernathy, Rankin, admitted April 8.

John Sosebee, Ft. Stockton, admitted April 4.

Mrs. Hal Holmes, McCamey, admitted April 10.

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Mrs. Jack Lucus, McCamey.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of our loved one, Mr. J. F. Gatlin.

Mrs. E. Dosey
The Jack Garner Family

admitted April 13.

Baby Girl Lucus, born April 4.

James Lee, Crane, admitted on April 10, dismissed April 10.

Deanna Weatherbee, Midkiff, admitted April 9, dismissed on April 10.

Linda Allmon, Crane, admitted April 10, dismissed April 11.

Carl Wilson, McCamey, admitted April 10, dismissed April 11.

Mrs. C. E. Berry, McCamey, admitted April 5, dismissed on April 10.

Baby Boy Berry, born April 5, dismissed April 10.

A. J. Ivey, Midkiff, admitted

April 6, dismissed April 9.

Mrs. John Harris, McCamey, admitted April 7, dismissed on April 9.

Blair Tharp, Rankin, admitted April 8, dismissed April 9.

Marcus Price, Rankin, admitted April 8, dismissed April 12.

Mrs. Mauricio Pulido, Rankin, admitted April 8, dismissed on April 11.

Mrs. R. Guest, Rankin, admitted April 6, dismissed April 10.

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Division --

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Tuesday, April 13, the American story, the American Ector County and Odessa, the two largest bodies within the refused to join the as it now is organized because they feel provision gives as to a governing small number as it does to units large numbers of the case of Ector the City of Odessa.

ing the Odessa-Amer County is proposing units in the west of the area form their and at a later they could not merge recently formed Com-

Edith James.

Policy— Nancy K. chairman, Mrs. Tom Sr., Mrs. Jake Van-

ppers: Mrs. Tommy chairman, Mrs. Rusty chairman;

Work Activity: Mrs. Ms. chairman, Mrs. co-chairman;

Sitting: Mrs. Sam chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth co-chairman;

Mrs. James, chair- Browning, Mrs. M. J. Mrs. Owens and Mr.

Mrs. Browning.

Mrs. Alma Adams.

Legal Notice

hereby given by the Wildlife Department hearing will be held on May 6, 1971 at the courthouse at 8:00 P. M. purpose of gathering information concerning proposed and trapping regulations for the above-named

result of action by the Legislature, the Texas Wildlife Commission for the setting of bag limits, and means of taking the wild- persons are urged and comment upon the regulations.

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MILK 43c
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